

September 11, 2015

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Montana Public Service Commission
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**Re: Docket Nos. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 Electric Tracker
3rd Updated Response to MCC-087, 2nd Updated Response to MCC-088
MCC Set 1 (001-112) Data Requests**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of NorthWestern Energy's third updated response to MCC-087 and second updated response to MCC-088 in MCC Set 1 (001-112) Data Requests. These updated responses have been hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel. They have been mailed to the service list in this docket, e-filed with the PSC, and emailed to counsel of record.

Should you have questions please contact Joe Schwartzenberger at (406) 497-3362.

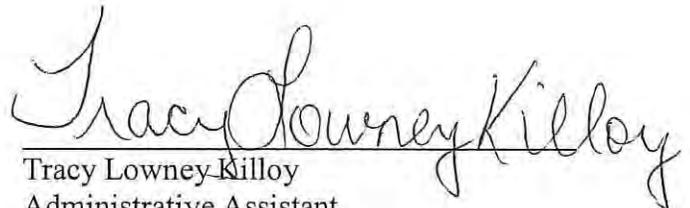
Sincerely,

Tracy Lowney Killoy
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of NorthWestern Energy's third updated response to Data Request MCC-087 and second updated response to Data Request MCC-088 in MCC Set 1 Data Requests in Docket Nos. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 has been hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and to the Montana Consumer Counsel this date. They have been e-filed on the PSC website, e-mailed to counsel of record, and served on the most recent service list by mailing a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid.

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MCC-087 Regarding: Table At FVB-15
 Witness: Frank V. Bennett

Please update the table at page FVB-15 of your 2014 testimony to reflect actual results for 2013/2014 through the most recent month for which actual data are available.

RESPONSE (November 7, 2014):

The table for 12 months of actual values for the 2013/2014 tracking period has not been prepared for this docket. Values within the table can be updated to actuals through June 2014 by using Exhibit __ (FVB-1)13-14 Updated specifically the categories within pages 3 and 4.

UPDATED RESPONSE (December 15, 2014):

See the table below, which ties to Exhibit __ (FVB-1)13-14 Updated supplied on CD in response to Data Request MCC-076 in this combined docket:

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Beginning Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$215,706

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	1,390,839	\$60,909,768	\$43.79
Index Price	(1,362,416)	(\$41,487,776)	\$30.45
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,248,685		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,229,693	\$145,527,860	\$45.06
Index Price	2,116,280	\$68,760,002	\$32.49
Imbalance	0	\$5,695,694	
Ancillary and Other	88,513	\$29,238,232	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$837,099	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$2,131,220	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$1,670,645	
Total Expenses:		\$273,282,745	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$239,243,896
Prior Deferred Expense		(\$2,966,153)
Total Revenue:		\$236,277,743

Ending Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$37,220,708

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SECOND UPDATED RESPONSE (April 17, 2015):

See the updated table below, which ties to Exhibit __ (FVB-1 Rev)13-14 Updated provided in response to Data Request PSC-022.

Beginning Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$215,706

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	1,390,839	\$60,909,768	\$43.79
Index Price	(1,362,416)	(\$43,877,628)	\$32.21
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,248,685		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,229,693	\$145,527,860	\$45.06
Index Price	2,116,280	\$71,149,854	\$33.62
Imbalance	0	\$5,695,694	
Ancillary and Other	88,513	\$29,238,232	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$837,099	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$2,131,220	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$1,670,645	
Total Expenses:		\$273,282,745	

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Electric Cost Revenue		\$239,243,896
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Ending Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
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THIRD UPDATED RESPONSE (September 11, 2015):

See the updated table below, which ties to Exhibit __ (FVB-1 Rev)13-14 provided in response to Data Request PSC-073.

Electricity Supply Cost Tracker - 2013/2014 PSC-073 Updated

Beginning Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$215,706

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	1,370,039	\$60,056,968	\$43.84
Index Price	(1,370,216)	(\$43,456,266)	\$31.71
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,248,685		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,269,093	\$146,380,770	\$44.78
Index Price	2,105,480	\$70,728,382	\$33.59
Imbalance	0	\$5,695,694	
Ancillary and Other	88,513	\$29,238,232	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$837,099	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$2,131,220	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$1,670,645	
Total Expenses:		\$273,282,745	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$239,243,896
Prior Deferred Expense		(\$2,966,153)
Total Revenue:		\$236,277,743

Ending Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$37,220,708

Includes updated tracker values in PSC-073 exhibits.

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MCC-088 Regarding: Table At FVB-15
 Witness: Frank V. Bennett

Please provide versions of the table at FVB-15 reflecting actual results for each of the NorthWestern tracker periods 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

RESPONSE (November 7, 2014):

NorthWestern has objected to a portion of this. Please see the objection filed November 7. Without waiving said objection, NorthWestern responds as follows to the non-objectionable portion of the request:

The table for 12 months of actual values for the 2012/2013 tracking period has not been prepared for this docket. Values within the table can be updated to actuals through June 2013 by using Exhibit __ (FVB-1)12-13 Updated specifically the categories within pages 3 and 4.

UPDATED RESPONSE (December 22, 2014):

Pursuant to the Notice of Commission Action issued on December 10, 2014, NorthWestern provides the following updated versions of the tables.

Please note there have been MWh volume corrections to values in the electric supply tracking exhibit. In response to Data Request MCC-042, the MWh volumes of DGGs for February 2013 were corrected. Also in the second updated response to MCC-052, filed simultaneously with this updated response, NorthWestern corrected MWh volumes of Basin Creek that do not impact the rate calculation.

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Electricity Supply Cost Tracker -- 2010/2011

Beginning Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$6,980,033

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	620,600	\$30,611,920	\$49.33
Index Price	(662,600)	(\$13,850,763)	\$20.90
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,074,758		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,590,459	\$157,032,494	\$43.74
Index Price	1,713,021	\$40,037,229	\$23.37
Imbalance		\$4,295,429	
Ancillary and Other	16,270	\$20,210,682	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$5,062,048	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$2,012,272	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$1,673,166	
Total Expenses:		\$247,084,477	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$230,737,357
Prior Deferred Expense		(\$1,099,314)
Total Revenue:		\$229,638,043

Ending Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$24,426,468

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Electricity Supply Cost Tracker -- 2011/2012

Beginning Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$24,426,468

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	580,000	\$27,080,260	\$46.69
Index Price	(576,325)	(\$10,159,912)	\$17.63
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,496,959		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,499,772	\$157,454,837	\$44.99
Index Price	1,212,697	\$19,979,900	\$16.48
Imbalance	236,043	\$6,476,631	
Ancillary and Other	13,083	\$23,405,913	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$583,047	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$1,650,923	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$1,542,534	
Total Expenses:		\$228,014,133	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$217,479,472
Prior Deferred Expense		\$19,648,411
Total Revenue:		\$237,127,883

Ending Deferred Account	Balance (\$)
Under-Collection	\$15,312,718

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Electricity Supply Cost Tracker -- 2012/2013

Beginning Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$15,312,718

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	1,041,910	\$43,717,269	\$41.96
Index Price	(1,041,809)	(\$23,512,198)	\$22.57
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets*	1,738,499		
Base Fixed Price Purchase*	3,198,317	\$144,450,406	\$45.16
Index Price	1,410,720	\$28,346,435	\$20.09
Imbalance	154,421	\$5,759,803	
Ancillary and Other	33,789	\$25,876,105	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$735,776	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$1,622,940	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$314,107	
Total Expenses:		\$227,310,644	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$229,812,568
Prior Deferred Expense		\$12,595,087
Total Revenue:		\$242,407,655

Ending Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$215,706

Note*: Includes update MWh values detailed in updated response to MCC-088.

SECOND UPDATED RESPONSE (September 11, 2015):

See the updated table below, which ties to Exhibit __ (FVB-1 Rev)12-13 provided in response to Data Request PSC-073.

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Electricity Supply Cost Tracker - 2012/2013 PSC-073 Updated

Beginning Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$15,312,718

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	1,041,910	\$43,717,269	\$41.96
Index Price	(1,042,209)	(\$23,526,298)	\$22.57
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,738,499		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,201,669	\$144,450,406	\$45.12
Index Price	1,407,768	\$28,360,535	\$20.15
Imbalance	154,421	\$5,759,803	
Ancillary and Other	33,789	\$25,876,105	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$735,776	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$1,622,940	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$314,107	
Total Expenses:		\$227,310,644	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$229,812,568
Prior Deferred Expense		\$12,595,087
Total Revenue:		\$242,407,655

Ending Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$215,706

Includes updated tracker values in PSC-073 exhibits.